Chinese Olympic Committee on 1st July, 2005 had entered into an agreement for sport exchanges.

(b) The agreement envisages areas of exchange of— sportspersons, supporting personnel, information on sports, research studies, programmes related to sports medicine & sports science, equipment, organization of multi-sports games and technical information on the design and building of sports facilities.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. India and Cuba have agreed in principle to sign "Programme of Cooperation in the field of Sports".

Training to players in Bihar

†2033. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sports training centres working in the country at present;

(b) whether training centre of Sports Authority of India at Patna has been closed;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the alternative arrangements made by Government for imparting training to the players in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) At present, there are 57 SAI Training Centres (STC), 15 Special Area Games Centres (SAG) and 8 centres under Centre of Excellence Scheme (COX) being run by Sports Authority of India (SAI) in the country. In addition, 18 Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC) are being assisted by SAI.

(b) No, Sir. The Sports Training Centre at Patna is functioning.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

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